

The Monroe County Judicial Center Project Development Board held its regular meeting on July 16, 2008.

The meeting was called to order by County Judge/Executive Wilbur Graves with the following members present: Judge Steve Hurt, Judge Eddie Lovelace, Reed Moore, Tony High, Joyce Emberton, Jeff Proffitt, Garlan Vanhook and Danny Rhoades with AOC. Bing Ewen, Will May, Jim Decesare and Vick Peterson were also in attendance.

Motion was made by Reed Moore, seconded by Joyce Emberton to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting on June 11, 2008.

All voted yea. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reed Moore, seconded by Judge Eddie Lovelace to reimburse the Monroe County Fiscal Court for the \$500 expenditure for the option to purchase the Third and Main Street properties.

All voted yea. Motion carried.

Bing Ewen presented the board with new designs for the proposed justice center which have an emphasis on the public square area and with a great deal of transparency in the design that showcases the building from all vantage points. Discussion of the floor plan indicates secured parking area in the basement for the judges as well as the circuit clerk. The first floor design discussion noted that the proposed afterhours entrance from Third Street has some security concerns due to access from the public in a close proximity to the judge's chambers. The discussion of the second floor concerned the layout of the circuit courtroom and the family court. Mr Ewen pointed out that the elevation of the building in reference to the surrounding structures will be higher. He also stated that the color schemes to be used throughout the project will be discussed at a later date. Reed Moore asked that the updated drawings be sent by email to members for review and that he also wanted the dimensions of each area to be included. Mr Ewen stated that he will do so.

Judge Hurt stated that he liked the placement of the inside stairwells in the proposed plan because the public should use them more with that placement than if they were in a corner of the building. He also proposed that the local artists and garden clubs be contacted for their ideas and assistance in the interior design and decorations.

Joyce Emberton asked for other locations of circuit clerks' offices that she could visit in order to see placements of work stations. Garlan said that he will provide a list of offices that he thinks would be appropriate to visit.

Judge Graves then stated that the survey ground work is now 99% complete and the survey should be completed soon and that the core drilling can be completed.

A motion was then made by Reed Moore and seconded by Judge Hurt to authorize the executive committee to advertise for and to enter into a contract to demolish the buildings as soon as the deeds transferring the locations are signed and recorded.

All voted yea. Motion carried.

The representative of Ross, Sinclair & Associates stated that he had nothing to report.

Motion to adjourn at 6:36 pm was made by Reed Moore and seconded by Jeff Proffitt.

All voted yea. Motion carried.

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